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The following information on the 3rd Road Construction Div was obtained between July 1947 and November 1949:

1. Location of the Headquarters:

Sukhumi (43° 00' N/41° 02' E), Georgian S.S.R.

2. Superior Headquarters:

Independent Road Construction Corps in Tiflis (41° 42' N/44° 47' E). The corps was subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior.

3. Officers:

CG: Maj Gen Michurin, about 2 meters tall, very slim, wearing red-bordered gold epaulets with two stars

General staff officer: Lt Col Yavanov, about 45 years old, tall and slim

Co of a y Battalion: Maj Pakkin, about 45 years old, short and stout.

Most of the officers were army officers; some belonged to the NKVD. The former wore blue caps with a red ribbon and gold epaulets with the crossed-axe-and-shovel insignia. Technical officers wore silver epaulets.

4. Organization:

Three regiments and one heavy regiment of two battalions each. Two of the former regiments consisted of Soviet troops. The regiment consisted exclusively of Poles (Ukrainian, Italian, Rumanian, Hungarian).

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The heavy regiment was composed of: **CONFIDENTIAL**

One motor transport battalion with about 150 three-ton trucks  
One "machine" battalion with road-construction machinery.

Soldiers said they were transferred to the division from other units because of bad conduct.

5. Employment:

Road and bridge construction along the Gagry- (43°19' N/40°13' E)-  
Zenki (42°15' N/42°05' E) road and construction of a new  
branch road leading to Ritsa (43°27' N/40°30' E) (after  
July 1947).

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Comment:

This report supplements a previous report on a road-construction unit in the Sukhumi area, which also mentioned a General Michurin as CG of an engineer division. The other officers mentioned are unknown.

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